

few U.S. budgetary resources have been devoted over the years to cutting-edge coal technologies. This is mind-boggling policy, given coal's abundance on our own shores.

The United States will never drill its way out of our oil dependency. But using proven, coal-to-liquid technology and American initiative, we could revolutionize our way to a new energy era. This bill helps to level out Federal tax policy that has long been tilted against the public in favor of rich oil companies.

VERMONT WOMAN WINS NATIONAL HONOR FOR HELPING WOMEN IN BUSINESS

HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 2006

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, for almost two decades Janet Bullard has been the program manager and office manager for the Vermont Commission on Women. Her tireless and inspired work for the Commission, work done for the betterment of the conditions in which women in the State of Vermont live and for the expansion of opportunities available to women, has recently been recognized by a signal honor.

On April 12 in Washington, DC, Janet Bullard was recognized by the Small Business Administration as the National Women in Business Champion of the Year. The competition for this award was nationwide. Janet first won the Vermont State award, then the New England Regional Award, and finally prevailed over a group of remarkably qualified women nationally. The SBA's award is bestowed on a person who has been an advocate for the women-owned business community, who has expanded the business and financial opportunities for women, and who has helped strengthen the role played by business owners in the community.

Janet, a resident of Chelsea, Vermont, has worked for the Vermont Commission of Women for 19 years, almost half of its existence. Established in 1964 by Governor Phil Hoff, the Commission has been an advocate for women and their rights and opportunities for 42 years. It consistently, and with great success, has been the primary advocate in the State of Vermont for the economic, social and political equality of women.

Janet Bullard has championed the rights of women, opened new doors for women, helped bring women together so that they can learn and strategize and about how to succeed in an economic world formerly dominated almost exclusively by men. And her involvement is concrete and financial as well: she has helped women get loans so they can establish businesses. In addition, for the last 10 years she has also worked to get funding for Vermont domestic violence and sexual assault programs.

Society changes more through dedicated work than through speeches, more by enduring commitments than by public appearances. For 19 years, Janet Bullard has worked tirelessly—a labor of love—to improve the status and business opportunities of women in the State of Vermont. Her dedication, and her remarkable ability to get things done, has left its mark on generations of women in our State.

I want to call particular attention to her work with Vermont's community action agencies, her unceasing effort to develop ways to help women start businesses with the aid of micro-loans. She has helped, time and again, leverage State and independent organization funds, and Federal funds, to help women—and especially low-income women—get a start in business.

Here is how Wendy Love, Executive Director of the Vermont Commission on Women described Janet's work the other day: "Janet has an outstanding history with the Commission for almost 20 years, and has shown great dedication to the Commission and to helping women. She has really been a major voice for women's economic opportunity in Vermont. Every time we talk about doing something, she is five steps ahead. Janet has been a glue, helping bind together the folks who work at the community action agencies in micro-business development, and the people who work for the Federal Government at the Small Business Development Center."

We in Vermont are delighted with the honor bestowed upon Janet Bullard: It is richly deserved.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 2006

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the House floor during Friday's rollcall votes on H.R. 5385, the 2007 Military Construction, Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act.

Had I been present, I would have voted against the Blumenauer Amendment (rollcall No. 175) and in favor of final passage (rollcall No. 176).

HONORING GARRISON CSM GARY DAVIS

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 2006

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay public tribute to Garrison Command Sergeant Major Gary Davis of Fort Knox, Kentucky, retiring June 2 after more than 33 years of military service.

A native of Spokane, Washington, Garrison CSM Davis first enlisted in 1972, completing a 6 year tenure with the Washington State National Guard. After a brief assignment with the Montana State National Guard, he joined the Active Army in May 1980, attending unit training at the United States Army Armor Center at Fort Knox.

Prior to his current assignment at Fort Knox, Garrison CSM Davis served as an instructor at the United States Sergeants Major Academy, Fort Bliss, TX; and completed numerous other assignments leading soldier divisions in Kentucky, Georgia, Arkansas, Hawaii, Louisiana and Germany.

During his time at Fort Knox, Garrison CSM Davis's leadership inspired officers and civilians to be good neighbors, making Fort Knox

and its surrounding communities a better place to live and work. In this capacity, he oversaw critical improvements to the Garrison, including the modernizing of residential facilities, enhancing the quality of life of Fort Knox soldiers and their families.

Garrison CSM Davis was a tireless advocate of Fort Knox's military value and future viability in the months leading up to last year's Base Realignment and Closure consideration. Because of his efforts, Fort Knox remains open, adapting to a new mission as a vital multi-functional home to operational army forces and various administrative commands.

Garrison CSM Davis's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit Award, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, United Nations Service Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism and the Superior Unit Award.

It is my great privilege to recognize Garrison Command Sergeant Major Gary Davis today, before the entire U.S. House of Representatives, for his lifelong example of leadership and service. I would like to thank him personally for his exemplary stewardship at Fort Knox during a time of war and administrative transition. His unique achievements and dedication to the men and women of the U.S. Army make him an outstanding American worthy of our collective honor and respect.

HONORING THE CANYON HIGH SCHOOL COWBOY FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 2006

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, before the Santa Clarita Valley school term ends this year, I wish to recognize the coaches and athletes of the Canyon High School's football program for their outstanding performance during the 2005 high school football season. Canyon High School's varsity football team completed their season by defeating cross-town rival Hart High School with a score of 21-13 to clinch the CIF—California Interscholastic Federation—Southern Section Division II title. Canyon High School finished its season with an impressive record of 13-1.

MaxPreps, a California-based national high school sports information Web site, lauded Canyon High School's football program. MaxPreps recently ranked Canyon High School's football program as the 14th best in the Nation. This ranking was achieved amongst a field of over 15,000 schools nationwide. MaxPreps presented head coach Harry Welch with a trophy engraved: "2005 MaxPreps Tour of Champions, presented by the Army National Guard to Canyon High School Head Coach Harry Welch." Only 10 such trophies were presented nationally.

Th California Interscholastic Federation also bestowed individual honors upon various members of the team. Honors include, but are not limited to, All Section First-team Defense—Tyler Hawkins, Garrett Leary, All Section Second Team Defense—J.J. DiLuigi, Richard Wirthlin, Division II Offensive Players of the Year—Austin Civita, J.J. DiLuigi, Division II Defensive Players of the Year—Matt